

UTAH - WEEKLY INFLUENZA SUMMARY

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Influenza Activity in Utah:

Influenza and other respiratory viruses are circulating in Utah at this point, but influenza-like illness activity remains low. Thirty-one influenza-associated hospitalizations (27 Type A, 11 Type B and 2 Unknown) have been reported to the UDOH as of present. This website will be updated every Wednesday by 1:00 PM.

As of 1/10/2007, no pediatric influenza-associated deaths have been reported in Utah for the current season.

National influenza surveillance data can be found at www.cdc.gov/flu. Please note, states determine for themselves how to estimate weekly influenza activity. The classification system used in Utah primarily serves to provide a geographical description of how influenza is circulating in the state.

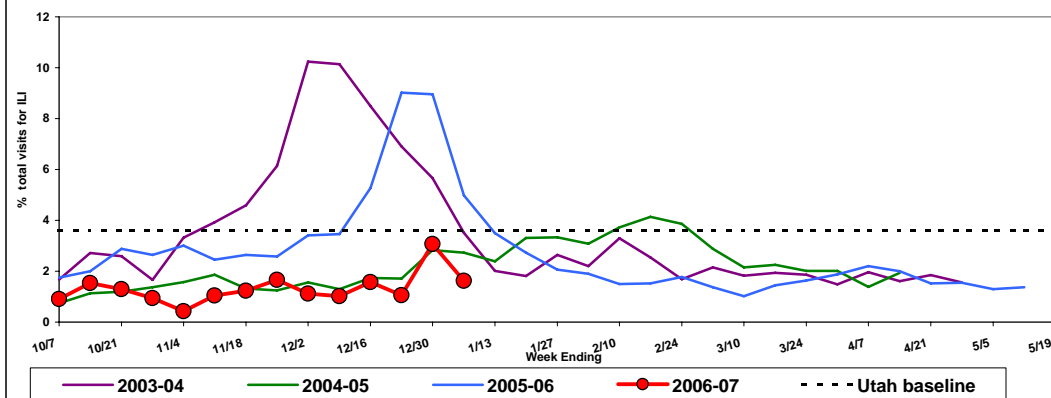
INFLUENZA PREVENTION

How to protect yourself and others:

- Utahns should get an influenza vaccine.
**Contact your provider or the Immunization Hotline (1-800-275-0659) to locate an influenza shot.
- All Utahns should practice "respiratory etiquette" to reduce the spread of respiratory diseases.
** Stay away from other people when you are sick.
** Cover your mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue away.
** Wash your hands.
- We urge schools and employers to be supportive of these preventive measures.

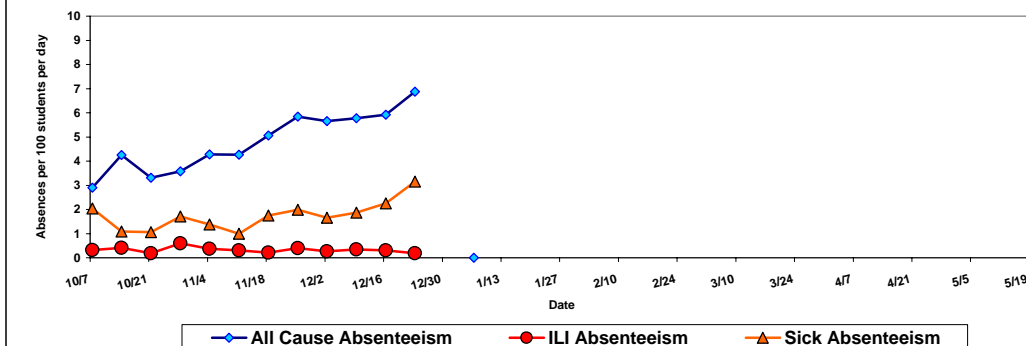
Influenza Activity for Current Season and Past Three Seasons

Figure 1. Percentage of visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) reported by sentinel providers- Utah, 2006-2007 and previous three influenza seasons



Student Absenteeism by Week

Figure 2. Rates for absences due to all causes, sickness, and influenza-like illness (ILI)- Utah, 2006-2007 influenza season



Hospitalizations by Virus Type and Week

Figure 3. Number of laboratory-confirmed, influenza-associated hospitalizations, by influenza virus type and week of event - Utah, 2006-2007 influenza season

